

ABSTRACT

G-IIC-245

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. ---(200) 1767 (mound), 1902 (monument)
Hi-Point, Maryland vicinity
Public/private

Milestone No. ---(200) and its mound of stones, mark a point on Mason and Dixon's West Line on the "Top of little Meadow Mountain (now called Negro Mountain), 184 miles and 17 chains "from the Post Marked West in Mr. Bryan's Field" (181.222 miles from the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of their 230.228-mile West Line, the English provincial boundary later known as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. The monument is a very plain dressed marble post with a low pyramidal top, quarried and carved in Cockeysville, Maryland; is in excellent condition, unaltered, firmly set; measures 10 inches square by about 16 inches high above the mound; and is embellished only by the capital letter P on the north side facing Pennsylvania, M on the south side facing Maryland, the year 1767 on the east side (when the site was originally surveyed and marked with a cairn), and 1902 on the west side (when the new monument was added to the remnants of the cairn, replacing the original wood centerpost). The mound, also in excellent condition, is a large ^{of loose stones and} low one/ measures about 10 feet in diameter by about 2½ feet high at the center. On the national and state levels, No. ---(200) and the mound are significant primarily as being among the thematic group series of some 248 markers still visually defining the West Line. Locally, as among the some 42 markers along the present Garrett/Somerset-Fayette county boundary, they are also significant symbolically for their identifiable relationship to the colonial and Civil War heritage of these counties.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME BOUNDARY MARKERS ALONG THE MASON-DIXON LINE (THEMATIC GROUP)
HISTORIC (Mason and Dixon's) WEST LINE, Post/and Pile of Stone on the "Top of little Laurel Hill" marking 184 Miles and 17 Chains from "the Post Marked West in Mr. Bryan's Field"
AND/OR COMMON
MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. --- (1900-03 Resurvey monument No. 200)

2 LOCATION (not for publication)

STREET & NUMBER off the west side of Negro Mountain Road, Negro Mountain ridge

CITY, TOWN

Hi-Point

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

MD: 6 / PA: 12

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

MD: Garrett/PA: Somerset

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS N/A	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: state boundary marker

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY (monument and mound only; see Thematic Group NR nomination form and surrounding property ownership list)

NAME

State of Maryland/Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION (see Thematic Group NR nomination form and surrounding property ownership list)

COURTHOUSE

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS (also see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

TITLE

Garrett County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

G-IIC-245 entered 9/4/81

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
(monument & mound)		(monument & mound)	(monument & mound)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Milestone No. ---(200) and its large mound of stones mark ^{a point on} Mason and Dixon's West Line on the "Top of little Meadow Mountain" (now called Negro Mountain), 184 miles and 17 chains "from the Post Marked West in Mr. Bryan's Field" (181.222 miles from the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of their 230.228-mile West Line). The monument is a very plain dressed marble post with a low pyramidal top, quarried and carved in Cockeysville, Maryland; is in excellent condition, unaltered, firmly set; measures 10 inches square by about 16 inches high above the mound; and is embellished only by the capital letter P on the north side facing Pennsylvania, M on the south side facing Maryland, the year 1767 on the east side (when the site was originally surveyed and marked with a cairn), and 1902 on the west side (when the new monument was added to the remnants of the cairn, replacing the original wood centerpost). The mound, also in excellent condition, measures about 10 feet in diameter by about 2½ feet high at the center.

The area here is the north edge of Zehner Hill, part of the Negro Mountain ridge, about 2880 feet in elevation at the site, cleared for the Butler farm now abandoned, ^{remote} and surrounded by dense forests. The site is within Election District 3 of Garrett County, MD, and Elk Lick Township of Somerset County, PA; about 1 mile north of the scattered settlement called Hi-Point, MD; about 400 feet west of the Negro Mountain Road (at this point a private lane serving the Butler farm and Columbia Gas pipeline); almost ^{downhill} within sight of the preceding monument No. ---(199) only about 1300 feet ^{to the east}; about 135 feet south of the old pipeline in the south edge of the woods (north edge of an open field), with an east-west barbed wire fence running through the middle of the site. It cannot be seen from any road, but easily from closeby, and seems protected by the fencing, and obscurity, and the property owner.

The monument, identical to 65 other monuments of 1902 set west of Sideling Hill to visually reestablish the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, is of a white fine-grained marble called saccharoidal dolomite or magnesian limestone; was originally cut about 10 inches square by about 4½ feet long, intended for setting about 1½ feet above ground or mound, with the remaining 3 feet for securing below ground (or mound), thus eliminating the need for a concrete foundation. The letters and numbers are blocky, V-sunk without serifs, and are horizontally aligned as a band around the stone near the top. These, and the top planes and apex are all clear and intact. The mound is a large one, with big stones piled loosely. In the substituting of new monuments for the original wood posts "Marked W on the West" all remnants of Mason and Dixon mounds had to be disturbed in the center, and No. ---(200) is no exception.

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form for further descriptions of the 1900-03 Resurvey method of setting the new monuments at new sites and in original Mason and Dixon mounds)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	boundary surveying	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES 1767 (mound) ~~1767 (mound)~~ Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon
 1902 (monument) SURVEYORS

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Milestone No. ---(200) and its large mound of stones are significant on the national and state levels primarily as being among the thematic group series of some 248 markers still visually defining Mason and Dixon's West Line, the 230.228-mile English provincial boundary later known as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. The site was surveyed and marked by a cairn in 1767, and the new Cockeysville marble monument added to the center of the remains of the cairn in 1902 during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. Locally, as among the some 42 markers along the present Garrett/Somerset-Fayette county boundary, No. ---(200) and the mound are also significant symbolically for their identifiable relationship to the colonial and Civil War heritage of these counties.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT (see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

Quadrangle name: Grantsville (Maryland-Pennsylvania), USGS 7.5 minute series (topographic), 1946 photorev. 1974, scale 1:24000

NOTE: monument/mound location not shown on quadrangle; see 1900-03 Resurvey engineer's map LXVII

UTM reference (approx.): zone 17, easting 65423, northing 439824

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

N/A

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE Maryland

COUNTY Garrett

STATE Pennsylvania

COUNTY Somerset

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Alice Martin (volunteer, Mason and Dixon's West Line boundary marker surveyor)

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust and Maryland Geological Survey

DATE

10/10/81 (site surveyed)

STREET & NUMBER

14308 Mount Avenue

TELEPHONE

(301) 472-2128

CITY OR TOWN

Phoenix

STATE

Maryland 21131

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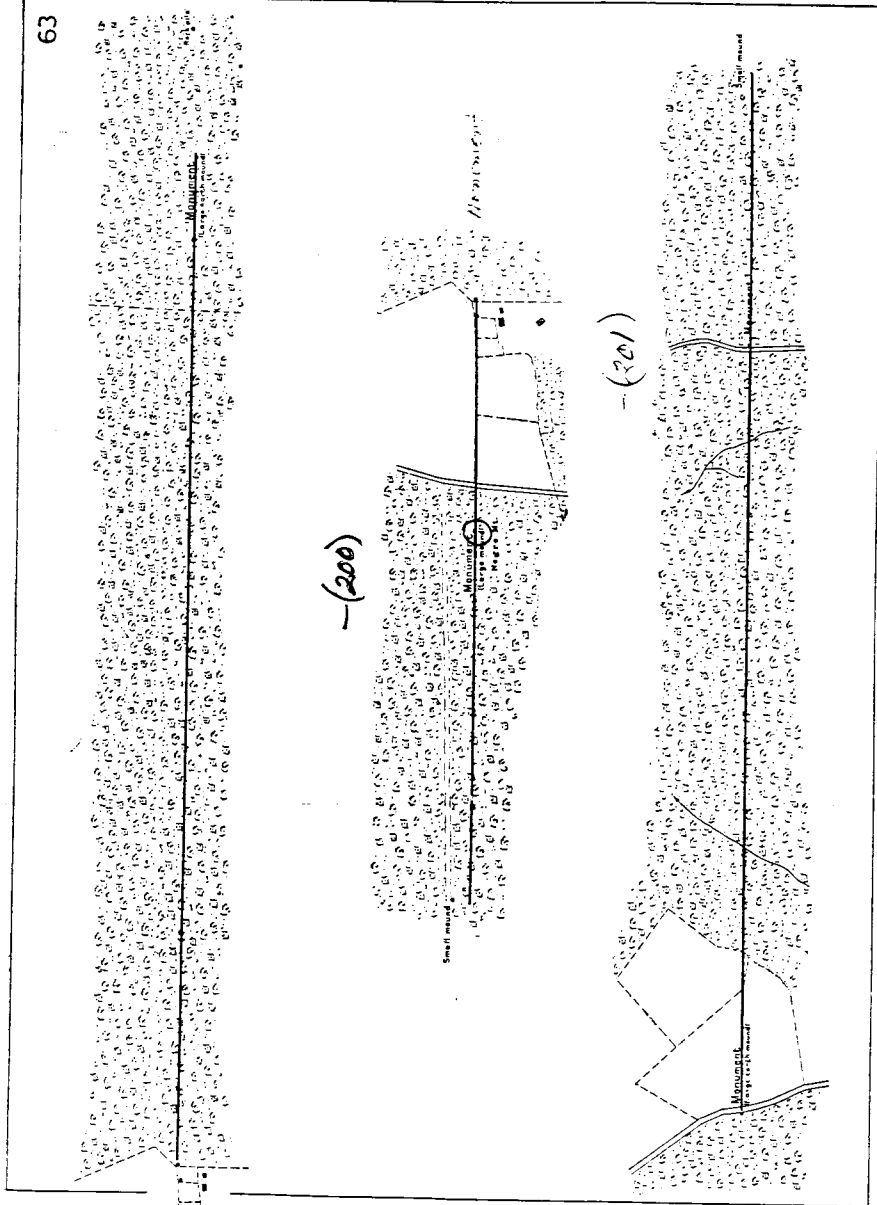
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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

MASON & DIXON'S WEST LINE: MILESTONE NO. - (200) 8-IC-245

RESURVEY OF MASON-DIXON LINE.

PLATE LXVII.

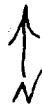


SCALE: 1" = 1000'
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MASON & DIXON WEST LINE BOUNDARY MARKERS: MILESTONE

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GRANTSVILLE QUADRANGLE
MARYLAND-PENNSYLVANIA
USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
1946 PHOTO REV. 1974 SCALE: 1" = 2,000'

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
TOPOGRAPHIC AND GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

STATE OF MARYLAND
MARYLAND GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

5163 SW
(MARKLETOWN)

CONFLUENCE 14 MI
LISTONBURG (JUNC PA 53.58 MI.)

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